



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

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Dear State Health Benefit Plan Retiree:

Many State Health Benefit Plan (SHBP) retirees have questions as to whether SHBP will continue to provide pharmacy benefits after the Medicare drug benefit (Medicare Part D) is effective January 1, 2006. SHBP wishes to reassure you that retirees will continue to receive pharmacy benefits. The Plan will coordinate with Medicare for retirees enrolled in Medicare. Retirees eligible, but not enrolled in Medicare and retirees 65 years of age and older not entitled to Medicare will continue to receive primary benefits but will pay a higher premium. If you do not wish to pay a higher premium, it is essential that you provide a copy of your Medicare Part D card as soon as you are enrolled. Should you fail to submit a copy in a timely manner, no refund will be issued.

To help with questions about the new Medicare drug benefit, SHBP is sponsoring a number of meetings for retirees to explain this new drug benefit and how SHBP will coordinate benefits. A schedule of retiree meetings is enclosed. It is important that you plan to attend one of the meetings. We will NOT take reservations and seating is first come, first served. There will be meetings at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at each location. You may not have an interest in attending one of the meetings if you are not enrolled in Medicare.

It is important that you understand how Medicare Part D will impact your health benefit coverage beginning next year. Option changes for the Plan year January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006 must be made during the Retiree Option Change Period which runs from October 17, 2005 through November 8, 2005. During this time, you have the opportunity to review your coverage and make a change to the option that best meets your health and financial needs.

Prior to the start of the Retiree Option Change Period on October 17, you will receive an envelope in the mail from SHBP. This envelope will contain information about Plan changes, information for retirees not enrolled in Medicare and contact numbers. We strongly recommend that all members read this communication, as it may contain additional information not discussed in our meetings.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the retiree meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Upchurch".

**John Upchurch
Director, State Health Benefit Plan**

**STATE HEALTH BENEFIT PLAN
FALL 2005 RETIREE OPTION CHANGE PERIOD**

Retiree Meetings

(There will be meetings at each facility at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. eastern daylight time)

DATE	FACILITY	ADDRESS
9/6/2005	North GA Tech. College	1733 Highway 197 North, Clegg Center, Clarkesville, GA
9/7/2005	West GA Tech. College	303 Fort Dr., Callaway Center, LaGrange, GA
9/8/2005	Columbus Technical College	928 Manchester Expressway, Patrick Hall, Rm P-100 Columbus, GA
9/9/2005	Coosa Valley Tech.	One Maurice Culbertson Dr., Rome, GA
9/12/2005	Albany Tech. College	1704 Slappey Floyd Blvd., Kirkland Conference Center Albany, GA
9/13/2005	SW State Hospital	400 South Pinetree Blvd., Therapies Bld. – Auditorium Thomasville, GA
9/13/2005	Athens Tech. College	800 U.S. Highway 29N, ATC Auditorium, Athens, GA
9/14/2005	Valdosta Tech	4089 Val Tech Rd., Building 500, Valdosta, GA
9/14/2005	Conyers-Rockdale Library	864 Green Street, Conyers, GA
9/15/2005	Okefenokee Tech	1701 Carswell Ave., 400 Bld., Miller Lecture Hall Waycross, GA
9/16/2005	C. Freeman Poole Sr. Ctr.	4025 South Hurt Road, Magnolia Hall, Smyrna, GA
9/16/2005	Carroll Co. Agr./Educ. Ctr.	900 Newnan Rd., Carrollton, GA
9/19/2005	Griffin Tech	501 Varsity Road, Auditorium, Griffin, GA
9/20/2005	East Central Tech	667 Perry House Road, Fitzgerald, GA
9/21/2005	Coastal Georgia Community College	3700 Altama Ave., Terrill Thomas Auditorium One Maurice Culbertson Dr., Brunswick, GA
9/21/2005	N Metro Tech	5198 Ross Rd., Room 100, Acworth, GA
9/22/2005	Armstrong Atlantic Univ.	11935 Abercorn St, Univ. Hall, Rm. 156, Savannah, GA
9/23/2005	Armstrong Atlantic Univ.	11935 Abercorn St, Univ. Hall, Rm. 156, Savannah, GA
9/26/2005	Alpharetta Sr. Activity Ctr.	13450 Cogburn Rd., Alpharetta N. Park, Alpharetta, GA
9/27/2005	Floyd Room	2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., W. Tower, James H. Floyd Bldg., 20 th Floor, Atlanta, GA
9/28/2005	Lanier Technical College	Lecture Hall, 2990 Landrum Dr., Oakwood, GA
9/29/2005	Maloof Auditorium	1300 Commerce Dr., Decatur, GA
9/30/2005	Lanier Tech	2990 Landrum Dr., Lecture Hall, Oakwood, GA
10/3/2005	Augusta Tech	3200 Augusta Tech Dr., Jack B. Patrick Information Technology Auditorium, Augusta, GA
10/4/2005	Augusta Tech	3200 Augusta Tech Dr., Jack B. Patrick Information Technology Auditorium, Augusta, GA
10/5/2005	GA College and State University	A & S Lecture Hall, park off Montgomery Street, Milledgeville, GA
10/6/2005	Central Tech	3300 Macon Tech Dr., Auditorium H-111, Macon, GA
10/7/2005	Middle Georgia Tech	80 Cohen Walker Drive, Warner Robins, GA

Please note parking is limited at the Floyd Room. You may wish to take Marta to the Georgia State stop.